



Workforce Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2008

Summary

Workforce Development Committee Members in Attendance:

1. Linda Weinberg, Chair (Cenpatico Behavioral Health of Arizona)
2. Lisa Shumaker (ADHS/Division of Behavioral Health Services)
3. Sawsan Madanat (ADHS/Division of Behavioral Health Services)
4. Christy Alonzo (Governor's Office For Children, Youth and Families/Division for Children)

Members in Attendance by Phone:

1. Duce Minor (Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment)
2. Chuck Palm (Pima Prevention Partnership)
3. Denise Lopez, proxy for Juan Aristizabal (Magellan Health Services of Arizona)

Members in Attendance via Teleprompt (satellite):

1. Bill Burnett (Community Partnership of Southern Arizona)

Absent Members:

1. Cassandra Larsen (Arizona Drug and Gang Prevention Resource Center)
- 2.. Tori Havins (Arizona Department of Education)
3. Aimee Graves (CODAC Behavioral Health Services, Inc.)
4. Patrice Post (Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority)

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Lewis (Department of Health Services)
Gordon South (Center for Substance Abuse Prevention)
Holly Orozco, Dr.PH. (Governor's Office For Children, Youth and Families/Division For Substance Abuse Policy)
Jeannine Chappel (Community Partnership of Arizona)
Michael Pensak (Community Partnership of Arizona)

Call to Order and Welcome and Introductions:

Ms. Linda Weinberg called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Ms.Weinberg welcomed committee members. Each person present introduced themselves.

Review of Minutes:

The Committee reviewed the minutes from May 21, 2008. Mr. Minor motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed and Ms. Shumaker made a 2nd to the motion. Minutes were accepted.

Workplan Development Levels:

Ms. Shumaker made a motion to establish a statewide credentialing process for prevention specialists. Mr. Burnett seconded the motion. Discussion from the Committee concentrated on whether or not prevention specialists should be required to go through a tiered or level system of

training and credentialing. Ms. Shumaker suggested that a level one prevention specialist should at least complete a one-day training opportunity provided by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). Ms. Weinberg commented that the Committee should consider grandfathering in prevention specialists that have been established in the workforce. Both Mr. Minor and Ms. Alonzo expressed their concern for prevention specialist requirements in hiring for rural communities and for any future requirements that may affect situations like applying for state funding grants, etc. The Committee voted (5 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstaining) to develop a statewide prevention credentialing process also decided to wait to vote on the various levels of credentialing until after they have reviewed and discussed other national and state-level credentialing policies.

Evidence Based Application Status

Ms. Madanat announced that two program applications (out of anticipated 100) have been returned. The application due date is June 30th. Review panels have been set up to review 14-16 applications each and staff from the Department of Health Services/ Division for Behavioral Health (DHS/DBHS) will coordinate each review panel in July. Ms. Shumaker requested that tribal members participate on each review panel. The process for review can take place via teleconferencing, similar to federal panel review processes. Ms. Madanat will send out review panel lists to the committee.

Workforce Development Survey Status

Dr. Orozco announced that the on-line assessment survey for prevention specialists is completed and the link for the survey was sent out to each Committee member. DHS/DBHS has distributed the survey link to all prevention specialists within the RBHA system and each member of the Committee has sent the survey link to all prevention professionals they work with (i.e. SPF SIG subgrantee staff). An estimate of at 400 surveys should be completed by June 30th. DHS will analyze survey results.

Call to the Public

None

Adjourn

Linda Weinberg adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.